

# Exploring Nature: Evening at the Edge of the Sea



## Workshop Description:

Ever wonder how a hermit crab selects a shell or how a predatory snail tracks and attacks its prey? Come join Dr. Heidi Geisz for a short course on the edge of Apalachee Bay. Explore the many creatures that live at the interface of land and sea and discuss how they make a living in this highly variable environment. Be ready to get muddy, of course, and enjoy yourself being in nature.



This course is designed to educate and inspire you through a hands-on experience with the strange and wonderful sea life along our pristine shores and shallows. We begin with a brief, illustrated overview of the general ecology of this part of the Gulf of Mexico, spotlighting its more intriguing habitats and organisms. After a short, guided walking tour of the Lab, we will meet some of the local marine denizens in our seawater touch-tanks. From there, we don wading shoes and walk the exposed tidal sands where an array of fascinating creatures can be seen. The evening ends in the auditorium for some Q & A, visiting and refreshments.

September 17, 2017 - 5-8pm

October 22, 2017 9am - 12pm

Location: FSUCML Price: \$15 per person

Registration closes Friday before the class by 5pm, or until full - 8 people needed to hold the workshop - so bring your friends and family - Pre-payment required

To Register : <https://marinelab.fsu.edu/courses/exploring-nature/evening-at-the-edge-of-the-sea-with-dr-heidi-geisz/>

Minimum age: 7 years . Children 7-13 years old must be accompanied by a paying adult. What to bring: old sneakers or similar close-toed shoes. No sandals or other open-toed shoes.

Instructor Bio: Dr. Heidi Geisz (FSUCML adjunct faculty) gravi-tated to the coast from Colorado 20 years ago. Although most of her experience is in the Antarctic marine ecosystem, studying at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science allowed her to explore the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean coasts.

Following a fellowship in the House Natural Resources Committee, her most recent inter-ests include marine science policy and education.



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